Social Risk Management System

923. SHRI N. R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HOMEAFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International agencies have asked the Asian countries, including India, to put in place a Social Risk Mangement System, to protect the poor from various natural calamities;

(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the suggestions made by them; and

(cj the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) No, Sir. As per information available, no International Agency has made any specific request to put in place a Social Risk Management System, to protect the poor from various natural calamities. However, in the World Conference on Disaster Reduction held from 18-22 January, 2005 at Kobe, Hyogo, Japan under the auspices of the United Nationas, the Member States were called upon to strengthen the implementation of the social safety-net mechanisms to assist the poor people affected by disasters. The Government of India already have many programmes and schemes to protect the poor people and the vulnerable sections of the society from various natural calamities.

Extortion of money by Insurgent Groups in NE

924. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOMEAFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Central Government that ULFA and other insurgent groups active in North-East are extorting money;

' (b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some of these insurgent groups are also involved in smuggling activities, including drugs; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Central and the State Governments in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b): Reports indicate that various insurgent outfits in the North-East are engaged in extortion activities. The outfits have established well-knit networks for such collections.

(c) Although there are stray incidents of insurgents indulging in smuggling on personal level, there are no reports of the insurgent groups being involved in such activities.

(d) Government have taken a number of steps to check the menace of. extortion which *inter alia* include payment of salaries by cheques, larger labour component for development projects, strengthening of security on the National Highways and major roads and execution of large projects by established organizations.

Funds for modernization of Police in Hyderabad

925. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has requested the Union Government to release Rs. 95.82 crore and Rs. 345 crore for modernization of Police Force in Hyderabad, for which estimates had already been submitted by the Director General of Police. A P.;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to release the funds at the earliest;

(c) if so, by when, and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Aproposal has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for Rs.10 crore for upgrading mega city policing in Hyderabad, as part of the Central Government scheme for Modernization of Police Forces, 2006-07. Central assistance will be released by the Government to the Government of Andhra Pradesh as per the terms of the scheme on finalization of the said proposal.

Rehabilitation of Jhuggi dwellers in Chandigarh

926. SHRI TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of persons living in Jhuggis in Chandigarh, who have been rehabilitated in the villages of Union Territory;

(b) how much land was acquired under this scheme and the total amount spent on entire operations;

(c) whether the administration has given any houses to the owners of